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Re **U.S. Patent Application No. 09/022,834**
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a Semiconductor Surface"
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 22, 2001, please enter
the following remarks and amendments in the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 27, 51 and 60 as follows. A marked up version of the amended
claims, to show all the changes, is attached hereto on pages separate from the amendment in
accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

27. (Thrice Amended) A method for removing organic contaminants from a substrate,
the organic-contaminants resulting from a previous lithographic step, the method comprising the
steps of: